

# Cowboy Country

# News

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## PHS 2001 Homecoming Royalty

2001 Homecoming Queen ceremonies will take place at Cowboy Stadium this Friday, thirty minutes before the 8 P.M. kickoff of the Petersburg game. Escorts for the three Senior Queen Contestants shown here include Evan Cain, with Allison Butler, Jarod Newland, with Nancy Koncaba, and Nathan Hays with Carmen Mendoza.

Duchesses in the ceremonies are Freshman Sandra Gandara, Sophomore Manuela Villegas, and Junior Mackenzie Winn. The Duchesses are elected by their fellow classmates.

When the 2001 Homecoming Queen is announced, she will be crowned by the 2000 Queen, Lexi Warren.

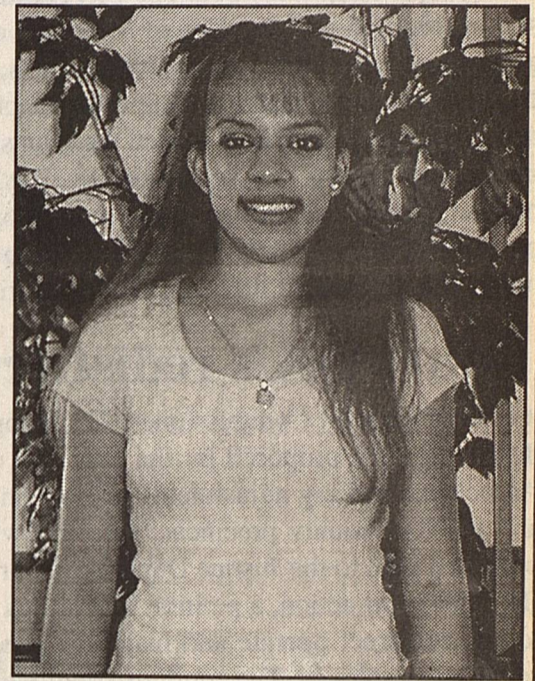
Join us for the presentation of this Royalty, and help boost the impressive Cowboys!



Senior Allison Butler



Senior Nancy Koncaba



Senior Carmen Mendoza

## Cowboys stun Roughnecks 20-18

The PHS Cowboys journeyed to meet the highly regarded Sundown Roughnecks last Friday, and when the game's final whistle blew, the hometown folks there must have been in mild shock.

Both the Cowboys and Roughnecks got off to slow starts. They pounded at one another with offensive series, but neither could mount sustained drives in the first quarter producing a score.

Early in the second period the Cowboy defense throttled Sundown's big running back Hogan in their first series, forcing a Roughneck punt. The Cowboys took the ball on the 43, where Jared Bell found Tanner Hamm open for a ten yard pass. Two more passes went incomplete, but a pass interference call moved the Cowboys to Sundown's 34. Bell gained four yards off right tackle, and then connected with Hamm for a 30 yard scoring toss. Joseph Rodriguez extra point kick gave the Cowboys a 7-0 lead.

Rodriguez then made a booming kickoff into the end zone for a touchback. The Rough-



Cowboy defenders swarmed to the Roughnecks big running back all night to hold him to 63 yards necks exploded for what appeared to be a 27 yard gain, but the runner fumbled the ball, recovered by Kevin Bartley. Plains could not move the ball, Moises Gonzales punt gave the Roughnecks the ball on their 5, They ground out a first down, but went to the air, and Gonzales stepped in front of an errant ball and sailed 20 yards for the second score, and Rodriguez kick put the Cowboys out front 14-0. With five

minutes left in the second quarter, Sundown rushed and passed the ball for four first downs to the Cowboy 13. With just four seconds on the clock, Hogan booted a field goal to make the score Cowboys 14, Roughnecks 3 at halftime.

With the ball in the third quarter, the Roughnecks ground down field to the 50 yard line, where Nick Hays made a timely QB sack, forcing a punt. The Cowboys offense could

make no headway, and were forced to punt to the 33. Two pass completions quickly moved the ball to the 7, from where Hogan skirted right end for the TD, then added two more points with a run to the left, to trim the Cowboy lead to 14-11 at the start of the final quarter.

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### First bale of county cotton?

Tokio Coop Gin reported to CCN at 9:45 AM Friday, September 21, they had ginned their first bale of cotton. The 464 pound bale was produced by Travis Bennett on the Jane Long Farm southwest of Tokio. To our knowledge, this is the first bale ginned in Yoakum County

## FAA shutdown of flights slows bollweevil eradication efforts

The terrorist attack on the USA September 11 effectively halted all aircraft flights across the nation except for military aircraft. The Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone flights of agricultural spray planes ended just hours after the Trade Center tragedy.

Josh Helms, Assistant Zone Manager here, said operations from G&B Aerial's hangar at the county airport were halted

until Friday morning, September 16. Eradication spraying flights continued through Sunday, but on Monday morning, the FAA again shut down Ag flights. Helms said he had no idea why, but the OK was given to resume flights the next day.

All weevil traps in the zone were emptied of insects on September 14, in order to continue the weekly monitor count of weevils.

During the week of September 17 through September 21, 691 bollweevils were found in the Plains district traps. Some 38,200 acres of cotton were sprayed during the period. The trigger count of trapped weevils to require eradication spraying remains at one weevil per field. Helms said there are 178,769 acres of cotton left in the Plains district, and spraying would continue until a killing freeze, or all cotton is gone.

## Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by rain, hail, and high winds are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Seminole, Texas, FSA Acting Farm Loan Manager, Wayne Sisson, said today.

On August 23, 2001, Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman declared Yoakum county, Texas an agriculture disaster area, making producers eligible for USDA emergency farm loan because of losses caused by rain, hail, and high winds that occurred on May 10, 2001.

Sisson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private

commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Sisson said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Seminole is open from 8:00 to 5:00 pm. Monday through Friday.

## Court tables decision on DCISD buildings

In a special session of Commissioners Court September 21, after considerable discussion, Judge Dallas Brewer suggested tabling a decision on two school buildings of the Denver City School District. He said "I would prefer to table any action on the buildings until we have a full quorum present." Commissioner J.R. Slentz was not present for the Friday meeting. Reported earlier in CCN, the school district is abandoning the old Intermediate School building across from Mustang Field, and offered a first right of refusal to the county. The Commissioners will also later make a deci-

sion to renew or cancel the present lease of the school district's old Kindergarten building. The lease agreement calls for a lease payment of \$1 per year for a ten year period.

A letter of resignation from Gordon Sefcik, Constable of Pct. 2 was accepted by the court. Sefcik stated health conditions would not allow him to attain a certified peace officer designation, now required by statutes to be in place within 290 days of a constable's election.

A contract between the county and Texas Tech University Health Services for autopsy service was renewed, and the contract fee will remain at \$900 per autopsy, which are rarely required in Yoakum County.

See September 24 session of Commissioner Court on Page 2.

## Community says goodbye to Brunson family



David & Dianne Brunson display the plaque presented to David at last Tuesday's meeting.

David and Dianne Brunson have been honored with a series of farewell meetings last week. The City Administrator will be assuming that job with the City of Muleshoe on October 1. Civic groups and clubs including the Plains Lions, Tsa Mo Ga, Chamber of Commerce, Yoakum County Connection and employees and city council members hosted the Brunson with a barbecue dinner and "roast" on September 18. The City of Plains then held an open house for the couple at the Community Building on September 21, and the First United Methodist Church held a lunch in their honor following Sunday services.

## Court OK's redistricting plan

On September 24 Commissioners Court approved a county redistricting plan proposed by the law firm of Allison, Bass & Associates, making adjustments in election, JP and Constable and the four county precincts. The firm will now submit the proposed plan to the Justice Department for approval.

In other court action, a petition by Phillips Pipeline Company to lay, construct operate and maintain pipelines under county roads was approved. The court also approved the promotion of Nancy Baize from Deputy to Sergeant in the Sheriff Department effective October 1.

## Leaders Name Legislative Oversight Committee To Monitor Long Term Care In Texas

Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff and House Speaker Pete Laney named member to a legislative oversight committee charged with monitoring long term care in Texas.

"The number of Texans in our nursing homes is growing at a faster pace than any other part of our population. And four out of five of them depend on some kind of public assistance," Ratliff said. "We must make sure we are doing all we can to give them the care they need with the resources we have available."

Ratliff and Laney said the committee will monitor the implementation of nursing home legislation passed in the last Regular Session that addresses the quality of care, nursing home regulation, methods used to set rates, liability insurance, and any other items the committee finds relevant.

"The population of Texas is aging, and that means more state resources will be dedicated to nursing homes and elder care," Laney said. "The committee will monitor nursing home laws passed in the last session and look for other ways to ensure affordable, safe

nursing home facilities for our senior citizens."

The legislative leaders said the committee will recommend any changes needed to improve the quality of nursing home care, ensure the effective use of public funds for resident care and improve the affordability of nursing home liability insurance to the next Regular Session of the Legislature that will meet in 2003.

Senators appointed to the committee by Ratliff include Se. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, Sen. Chris Harris of Arlington and Sen. Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth. Ratliff also named Phil Elmore of Denton to serve as a public member. Elmore is the Campus Director/Administrator for Denton Good Samaritan Village, a nonprofit nursing facility.

Laney appointed Rep. Elliott Naishtat of Austin, Rep. Craig Eiland of Galveston and Rep. Jim McReynolds of San Augustine. Laney named Pat Karrh of Plainview to serve as a public member. Karrh is a registered nurse.

Sen Duncan will chair the committee. Rep. Naishtat will serve as vice chair.

## False report to police draws jail time

In the September 21 session of County Court, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Martha Ann Williams entered a plea bargain guilty plea to making a false report to a police officer. She was sentenced to seven days in jail with credit for 7 days served. A

failure to appear cause was adjudicated. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

## JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and fines and bonds set in Precinct One Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases Filed:

One possession of drug paraphenalia, one issuance of bad check, one public intoxication, 150 traffic cases.

Bonds and Fines set:

Care of animals- time served on \$297 fine.

Disorderly conduct- \$500 bond

Public intoxication- \$500 bond

Motion to revoke probation (2)- held until transport/hearing.

Theft by check, over \$20, under \$500- \$1500 bond.

Hunting with unplugged shotgun- \$200 bond

Possession of quail out of season- \$200 bond

Hunting without valid license- \$200 bond

DWI (2)- \$2500 bond, interlock ordered

Bond forfeiture/possession of marijuana- \$2000 cash bond

Issuance bad check- \$500 bond

Public intoxication- \$175 fine

Bail jumping/failure to appear- \$3000 bond

Bond forfeiture/ failure to report to peace officer- \$500 cash bond

Unauthorized use of vehicle- \$10,000 bond

Two driving while license suspended- \$1500 bond

Criminal trespass- \$1500 bond

Unlawfully carrying weapon- \$500 bond

Bond forfeiture/DWI, 3rd or more- \$10,000 cash bond

Unlawfully carrying weapon- \$3500 bond

## Crime case in County Court

In County Court September 24, Frank Rene Morales, aka Frank Morales, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. The defendants community supervision was extended one year, from November 24 until November 24, 2002. He must pay \$40 monthly supervision fees, and pay delinquent resti-

tution of \$10,951 at the rate of \$783.05 per month beginning October 24. He must also pay \$55 delinquent supervision fees. David Martinez was his attorney. Judge Brewer was presiding court officer, and Richard Clark represented the state.

### \* 4-H NUT SALE \*

Yoakum County 4-H members are beginning their annual Nut Sale fund raiser. Orders will be taken from Sept. 29 through Oct. 19 and products should be delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Items available will be similar to last year; pecans, peanuts, flavored peanuts, walnuts, nut and fruit mixes. If you are missed, please call any 4-H member, or the County Extension office at 456-2263

### BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

#### What is meningitis?

Meningitis is an inflammation of the covering of the brain and spinal cord---also called the meninges. It can be caused by viruses, parasites, fungi, and bacteria. Viral (aseptic) meningitis is common; most people recover fully. Medical management of viral meningitis consists of supportive treatment and there is usually no indication for the use of antibiotics. Parasitic and fungal meningitis are very rare. Bacterial meningitis is very serious and may involve complicated medical, surgical, pharmaceutical, and life support management.

There are two common types of bacteria that cause meningitis:

- *Strep pneumoniae* causes pneumococcal meningitis; there are over 80 subtypes that cause illness
- *Neisseria meningitidis*—meningococcal meningitis; there are 5 subtypes that cause serious illness—A, B, C, Y, W-135

#### What are the symptoms?

Someone with meningitis will become very ill. The illness may develop over one or two days, but it can also rapidly progress in a matter of hours. Not everyone with meningitis will have the same symptoms.

Children (over 1 year old) and adults with meningitis may have:

- Severe headache
- High temperature
- Vomiting
- Sensitivity to bright lights
- Neck stiffness, joint pains
- Drowsiness or confusion

*"In both children and adults, there may be a rash of tiny, red-purple spots or bruises caused by bleeding under the skin. These can occur anywhere on the body. They are a sign of blood poisoning (septicemia), which sometimes happens with meningitis, particularly the meningococcal strain.*

#### How serious is bacterial meningitis?

If it is diagnosed early and treated promptly, the majority of people make a complete recovery. In some cases it can be fatal or a person may be left with a permanent disability, such as deafness, blindness, amputations or brain damage (resulting in mental retardation or paralysis) even with prompt treatment.

#### How is bacterial meningitis spread?

Fortunately, none of the bacteria that cause meningitis are as contagious as diseases like the common cold or the flu, and they are not spread by casual contact or by simply breathing the air where a person with meningitis has been. The germs live naturally in the back of our noses and throats, but they do not live for long outside the body. They are spread when people exchange saliva (such as by kissing; sharing drinking containers, utensils, or cigarettes).

The germ does not cause meningitis in most people. Instead, most people become carriers of the germ for days, weeks or even months. Being a carrier helps to stimulate your body's natural defense system.

The bacteria rarely overcomes the body's immune system and causes meningitis or another serious illness.

#### What is the risk of getting bacterial meningitis?

The risk of getting bacterial meningitis in all age groups is about 2.4 cases per 100,000 population per year. However, the highest risk group for the most serious form of the disease, meningococcal meningitis, is highest among children 2 to 18 years old.

#### How is bacterial meningitis diagnosed?

The diagnosis is usually based on a combination of clinical symptoms and laboratory results from spinal fluid and blood. Spinal fluid is obtained by a lumbar puncture (spinal tap).

#### How can bacterial meningitis be prevented?

Do not share food, drinks, utensils, toothbrushes, or cigarettes. Limit the number of persons you kiss. Vaccines against pneumococcal disease are recommended both for young children and adults over 64. A vaccine against four meningococcal serogroups (A, C, Y, W-135) is available. These four groups cause the majority of meningococcal cases in the United States. This vaccine is recommended by some groups for college students, particularly freshmen living in dorms or residence halls. The vaccine is safe and effective (85-90%). It can cause mild side effects, such as redness and pain at the injection site lasting up to two days. Immunity develops within 7 to 10 days after the vaccine is given and lasts for up to 5 years.

#### What you should do if you think you or a friend might have bacterial meningitis?

Seek prompt medical attention.

#### For more information

Your school nurse, family doctor, and the staff at your local or regional health department office are excellent sources for information on all communicable diseases. You may also call your local health department or Regional Texas Department of Health office to ask about meningococcal vaccine. Additional information may also be found at the web sites for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and the Texas Department of Health: [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us).

**\*\* This Legal Notice is a requirement mandated by the State in the last Legislative session. There has been no hint of Meningitis found in the Plains Independent School District \*\***

# Brisket Sale!

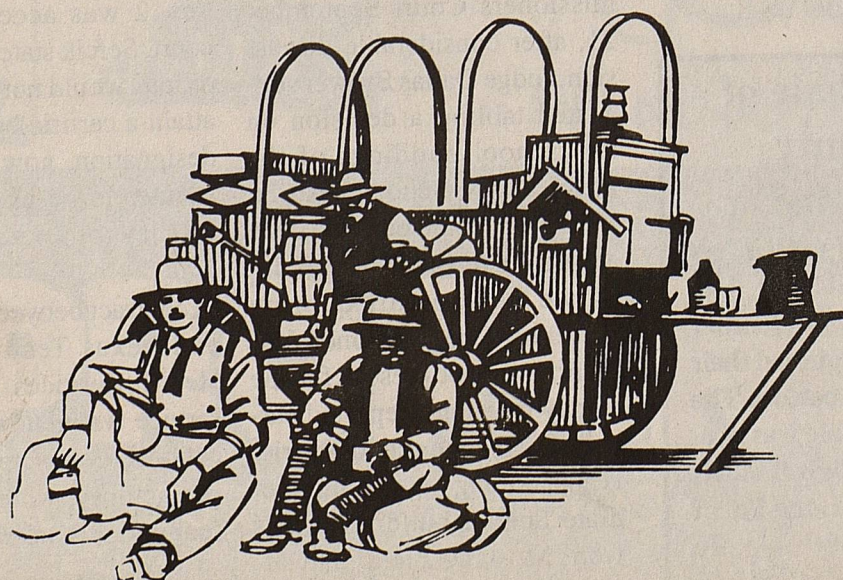
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## Precipitation Enhancement Ends for 2001

September 15 brought a close to this year's precipitation enhancement program in the Southern High Plains. It was much less than a banner year for the program, completing the fifth year of participation. May and June had the least opportunities with five and four flights respectively. A high pressure ridge settled in and would not release its grip on the South Plains. Rainfall amounts were consistent with the few flights, averaging 1.06 inches

in our 20 rainfall gauges around the county in May, June had an average of .20 inches in the same gauges.

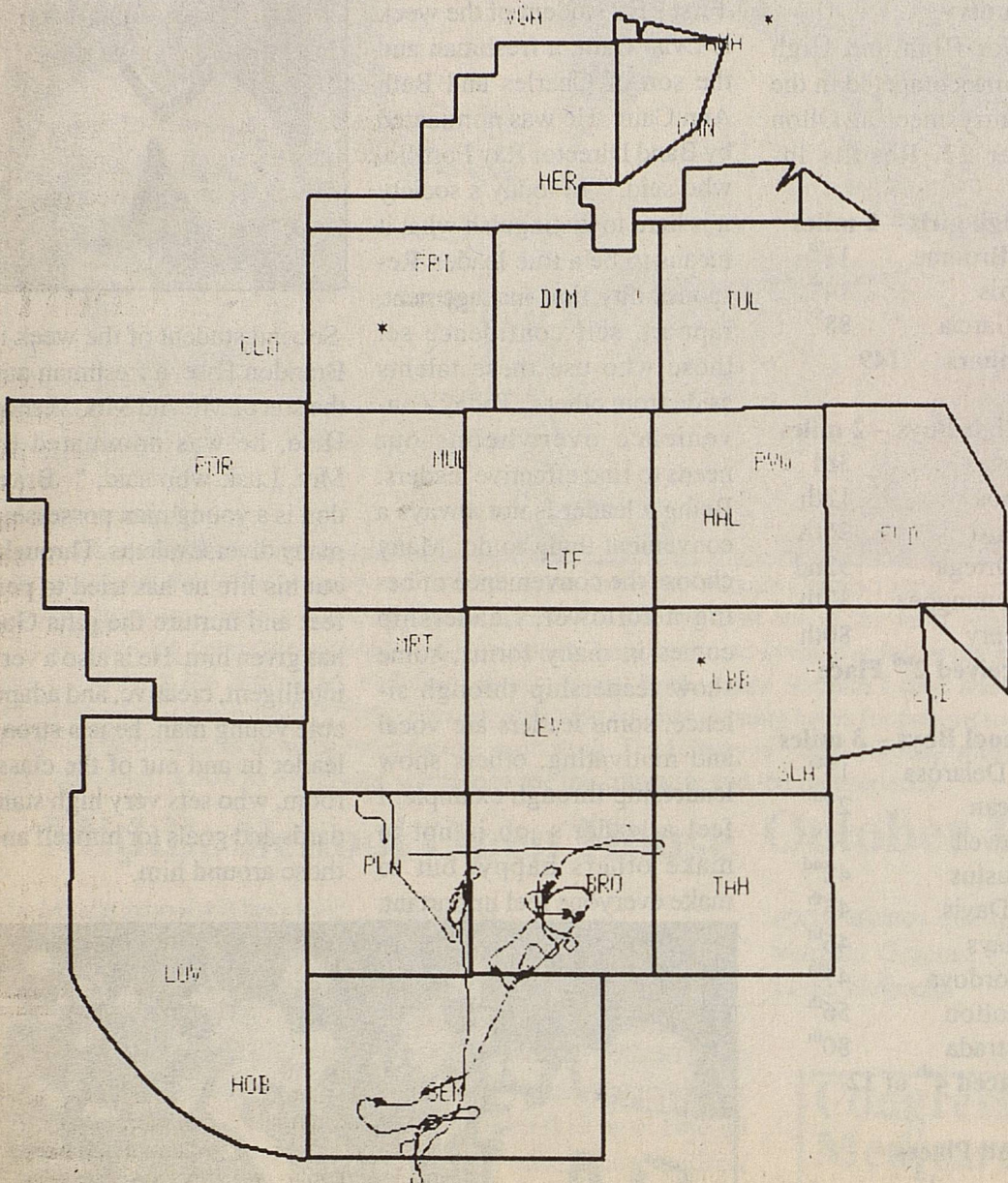
July gave us a few more opportunities to fly. A total of seven flights occurred but July remained very dry with rainfall amounts averaging only .04 inches in our county.

August provided us with what we consider normal flying conditions. Twenty flights during the month for a total of 37.5 hours was more flights than all

the months of May, June and July combined. Average rainfall in August was .66 inches.

We have monthly reports available as well as additional information about the precipitation enhancement program. Please feel free to come by or contact us if you would like to know more.

Gary L. Walker,  
Sandy Land Underground Water District



This map shows a flight on August 18, a typical flight path. On this day 34 flares were burned over Yoakum, Terry and Gaines Counties.

## Ratliff Names Members To Task Force On Competency Of Criminal Defendants

Lieutenant Governor Bill Ratliff appointed a state senator and a public member to the newly created Task Force on Criminal Defendant's Competency.

Ratliff named Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock and Texas Tech law professor Brian Shannon of Lubbock to the 16 member body that includes a member appointment by the Speaker of the House and a member appointed by the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The task force also includes one representative each from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and the

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and 10 non-voting ex officio members that represent Texas counties, lawyers, related state agencies, and mental health care professionals.

The Legislature created the task force in the last Regular Session to review the methods and procedures that are used to evaluate the competence of criminal defendants to stand trial and the use of the insanity defense in criminal law.

The task force will submit a report for consideration by the next Regular Session of the Legislature in 2003.



**Homecoming Ceremonies 7:30 PM Friday!**  
**Then Cheer the Cowboys at 8 PM.... Beat Petersburg!**

## PISD Athletic Director focuses on character development in young athletes

Plains ISD Athletic Director Blake McWhirter may have surprised a few members of the local Lions Club in his guest speaker role at last Thursday's meeting. Accustomed to coaches delivering a summary of upcoming ball games, or an analysis of a recent win or loss, The Lions heard A.D. McWhirter say he concentrated on what he thinks the entire district's coaching staff is concentrating on - development of personal characteristics in the young athletes, both boys and girls, which will help them achieve success on sports fields, but more importantly, as good, productive adult citizens when their school days end. McWhirter and staff are stressing the work ethic; "My dad told me if you liked to eat, you'd better be ready to work for it. No one owes you a free ride. If something is worth achieving, it's worth working for." He said he and the other coaches push hard to teach their young charges the importance of team



work. "In a small school district like Plains it's very seldom you will find truly outstanding individual athletes, kids who have college sports potential, much less professional sports futures. Any success they achieve in high school athletics is always the result of working together, having respect for, and deserving of their peers respect. That's teamwork" McWhirter told the club there is a very strong probability the twin-

dling enrollment figures of PISD will result in being reclassified to the 1-A district level. Fellow Lions member Jim Haynes agreed with the assessment, explaining the UIL student count will be made sometime in October. When all district figures are in, the organization will start analyzing district population numbers, and the present attendance should result in PISD dropping to the lower district, sometime after the first of 2002.

*We at Lea County Electric Cooperative extend our deepest sympathies to all the victims of the tragic events of September 11, and salute the valiant efforts of the many brave rescue workers and volunteers who have risked -- and in many cases lost -- their own lives in their heroic efforts.*

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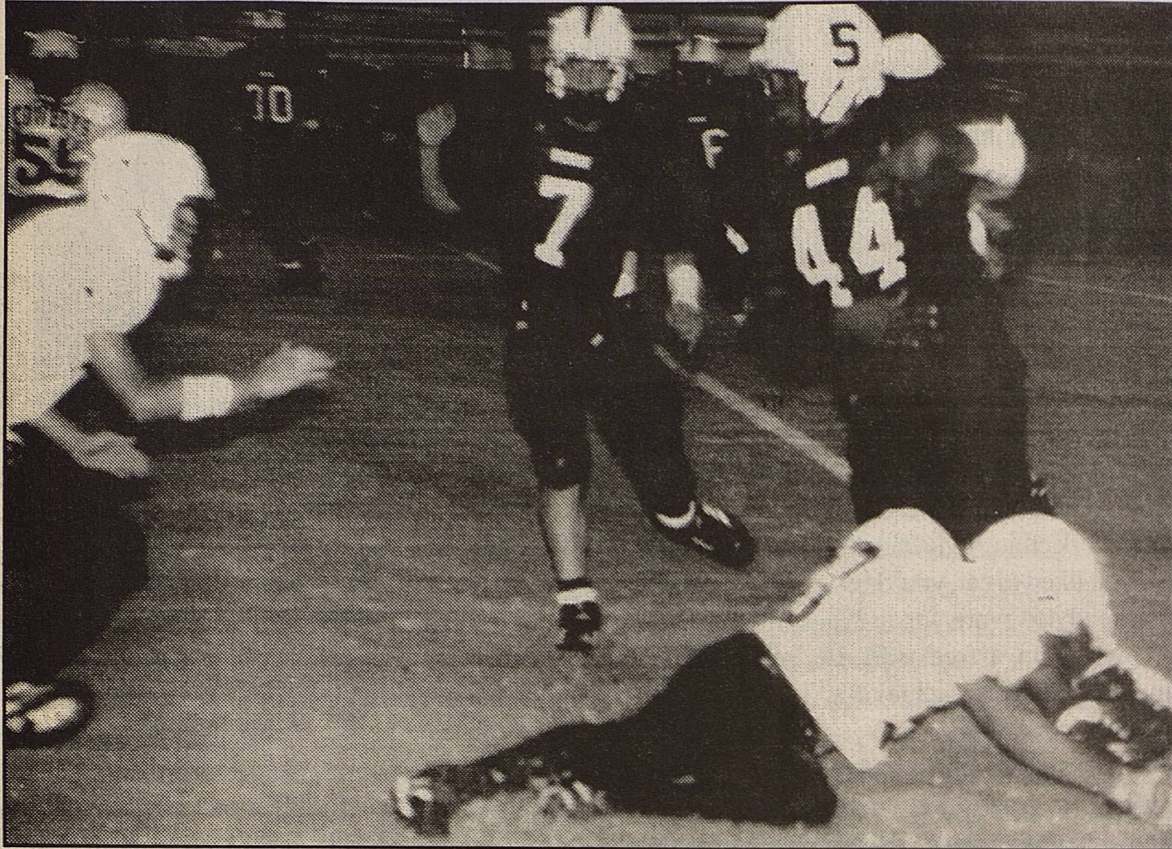
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clock, the Cowboys got the ball on their ten. Bell and Rodriguez ran the ball to the 25. The left side of the Cowboy line and lead blockers produced enough help for Rodriguez to get free and scoot 76 yards for the Cowboys final score and a 20-11 lead. Sundown would manage one more

scoring drive, but it was too little, too late, and the 20-18 final score gave the Cowboys a two and one record. The Cowboy coaching staff credited some very hard, gutty play by the Cowboys in the big win. They repeatedly hit Hogan, the Roughneck's big threat, holding him to 63 yards for the night. Gonzales again had a good night punting, 8

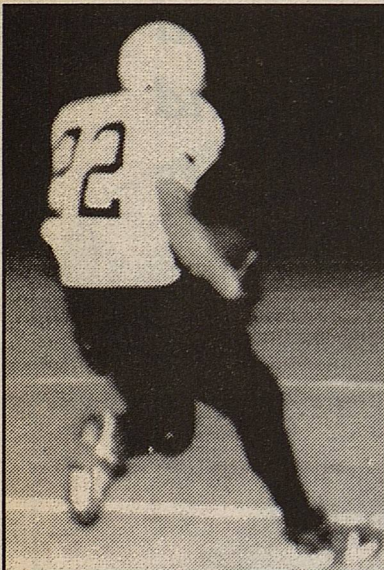
kicks averaging almost 38 yards, and Rodriguez four kickoffs averaged 50.3 yards. Bell, Mario Bonilla, Hamm, Gonzales, and Hays were credited with tackles for lost yardage, and Hays and Larry Escobar scored QB sacks. Plains hosts Petersburg for the Homecoming game this Friday at 8 PM. Be there to record win number three for the Cowboys!



Joseph Rodriguez goes low, Kevin Bartley comes in from left to hit big Willis Hogan



The Cowboy Marching Band helped keep the Cowboys fired up at Sundown



Moises Gonzales nears the goal line



Tanner Hamm about to take pass from Jared Bell



Justin Chambliss keeps eyes on incoming ball

**PISD Sports Review**

**Volleyball:**

7th Lady Wranglers- The younger Lady Wranglers met Levelland September 17, and in the first match, the 'A' team won 15-7, 12-15 and 15-7. The 'B' girls also won their match 15-10, 15-11.

8th Lady Wranglers- The older girls found Levelland a bit tough, and were defeated 15-6, 13-15 and 9-15.

No other volleyball results were available to CCN

**Cross Country;**

Both Junior High and High School teams competed in the cross country meet at Olton September 22. Results included:

**Junior high girls - 2 miles**

Desiraye Broome	11 <sup>th</sup>
Alice Curtis	14 <sup>th</sup>
Meghan Garcia	88 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Total runners</b>	<b>149</b>

**Junior High Boys - 2 miles**

Jose Villegas	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Abel Ramos	12 <sup>th</sup>
Johan Cueto	26 <sup>th</sup>
Spencer Ortega	32 <sup>nd</sup>
Steven Dominguez	37 <sup>th</sup>
Justen Henry	80 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Team received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	

**High School Boys - 3 miles**

Jonathan Delarosa	17 <sup>th</sup>
Payton Bean	27 <sup>th</sup>
Chase Howell	31 <sup>st</sup>
Chisum Justus	42 <sup>nd</sup>
Brandon Davis	45 <sup>th</sup>
Nathan Hays	46 <sup>th</sup>
Arnold Cordova	47 <sup>th</sup>
Patrick Cotton	56 <sup>th</sup>
Daniel Estrada	80 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Team Placed 4<sup>th</sup> of 12</b>	

**Teams and Places**

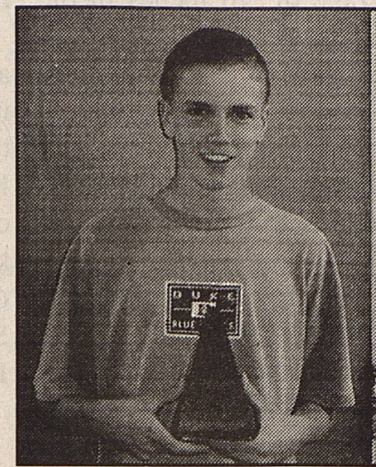
Hart	1 <sup>st</sup>
Whitherral	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Shallowater	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Plains	4 <sup>th</sup>
Sundown	5 <sup>th</sup>
Lockney	6 <sup>th</sup>
Friona	7 <sup>th</sup>
Whiteface	8 <sup>th</sup>
Floydada	9 <sup>th</sup>
Olton	10 <sup>th</sup>
Morton	11 <sup>th</sup>
Amherst	12 <sup>th</sup>

**Football:**

JV Cowboys- The younger Cowboys faced Sundown there last Thursday. They were downed 40-14 by the Roughnecks. Evan Cain found Zach Broome open and hit him with a pass that produced a 52 yard touchdown, then Cain threw to Brandon Davis for a

two point conversion. Cain later threw another touchdown pass to Armando Ramirez, but the conversion pass failed. No other football action results were available to CCN.

**Students of the Week**



First PHS student of the week is Evan Cain, a freshman and the son of Charles and Beth Ann Cain. He was nominated by Band Director Ray Portillo, who said, "In today's society it is hard to distinguish what it means to be a true leader. Responsibility, time management, rapport, self confidence set those who use these talents aside from others. Today, convenience overwhelms our needs to find effective leaders. Being a leader is not always a convenient thing to do. Many choose the convenience of being a follower. Leadership comes in many forms; some show leadership through silence, some leaders are vocal and motivating, others show leadership through example. I feel a leader's job is not to make others happy, but to make everyone feel important."

Evan displays many of these traits and may not yet know it. His hard work in academics and extra-curricula activities is appreciated by his teachers and coaches. I believe he will make a great and positive leader. I know this is because he makes me and others around him feel important.



Second student of the week is Brandon Hise, a freshman and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hise. he was nominated by Mrs. Lusk who said, "Brandon is a young man possessing many diverse talents. Throughout his life he has tried to perfect and nurture the gifts God has given him. He is also a very intelligent, creative, and adaptable young man. he is a strong leader in and out of the classroom, who sets very high standards and goals for himself and those around him."



Cowboys swarm a Roughneck runner for no gain

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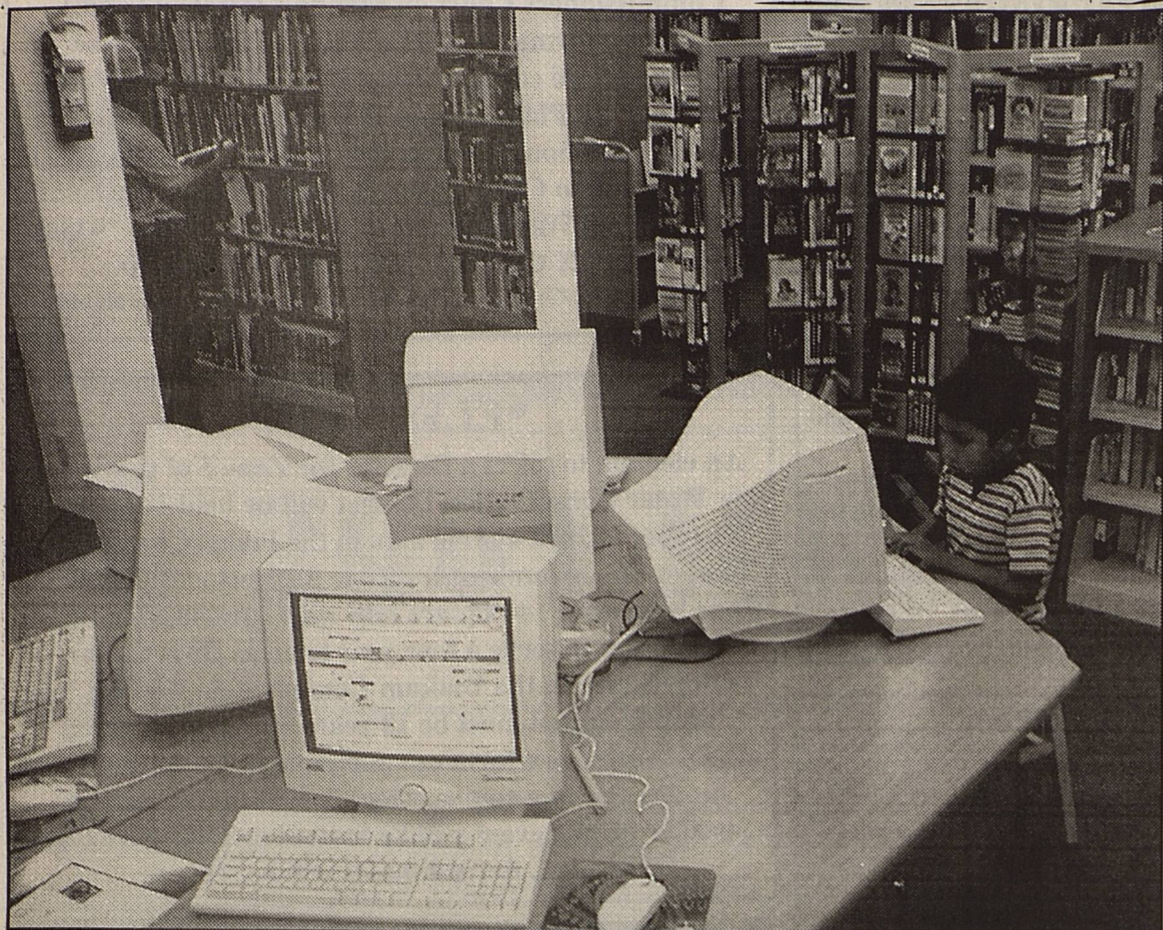
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Nine year old Roberto Treyna was intently at work on one of the Yoakum County Library computers last Tuesday afternoon. County Librarian Opal Roberts said Roberto was one of the most regular library patrons using the computer services, and was usually on a keyboard every day following school. His father is seen in the background, and checked out several books when Roberto's time was up on the computer. Mrs. Roberts told CCN the Tuesday afternoon and late evening hours for patrons to utilize the computer facilities was drawing more patrons each week. The Library is closed Tuesday until 2 PM, and stays open until 8:30 PM for anyone wanting to use the computer and internet services.

## Middle School Open House October 1st

The Middle School will have their Open House on Monday, October 1st. The 6th and 7th grade students will perform several songs beginning at 6:15 in the Jr. High gym. Parents/guardians will then follow their child's daily class schedule and get an idea of what takes place in each classroom while getting to know the teachers better. Open House will last until 8:00 pm. There will be plenty of cookies and punch. Please make plans to attend.

Thank you, Eddie Carter, principal La Escuela Mediana tendra su Casa Abierta el lunes, octubre. 1st. Los estudiantes 6th y 7th del grado realizaran varias canciones que comienzan en 6:15 en el Hijo. El gimnasio alto. Los padres/guardianes entonces seguiran su horario diario de la clase de nino y mejor. La Casa abierta durar hasta pm. 8:00. Habra la abundancia de galletas y punetazo. Por favor planes de marca asistir. Nosotros

apreciarianos que todos padres vengan. Gracias, Carretero de Eddie, el director

## Senior Citizens Corner

I haven't been out of the house very much this week except to have tests run. The pool tournament had a good turn out yesterday. Hope we have a good crowd for pot luck, there will be plenty of good food. The winners of the pool tournament were: Men 8 ball 1st Santos Garza, 2nd Pete Arenivas, 9 ball 1st Joe Trujillo, 2nd Pete Arenivas. Women 8

ball 1st Mary Gibson, 2nd Shirley Blancet, 9 ball 1st Billie McDonnell, 2nd Shirley Blancet. Our prayers, love and thoughts go out to Zelma Boone on the loss of her sister and the Dolloff family on the loss of Blanche. Also to the family and loved ones of C.C. Henson Jr. Till next week, Wanda B.

## Speaker alters presentation

In view of the recent acts of terrorism, the entire global economy is in a state of flux. With this in mind, Dr. Michael Cox, author of Myths of Rich and Poor has stated he will alter his original lecture for College of the Southwest's Hatton Sumners Speaker Series to address the economic changes the country is currently undergoing.

His lecture will include a common sense overview of the current global picture, and he will attempt to answer questions and share predictions and suggestions. He will speak at College of the Southwest in Hobbs September 27. For tickets or information, contact Judy Walton, 505-392-6561, ext. 1029.

## Murder On The Disoriented Express

On October 20 the Friends of the Palestine Library will present the Seventh annual Murder on the DisOriented Express. A night of murder, mirth, mayhem and old fashion comedy will be performed on the historic Texas State Railroad as the vintage steam train rumbles down the track.

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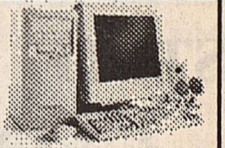
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# From The Hack

On our publishing date, September 26, the Assault On America has gone on 15 days. I have watched a great deal of television, listened to many radio talk shows, and read countless words of wisdom in newsprint, and national news magazines.

I have also heard reams and reams of opinions of folks in cafes, convenience stores, other gathering places about what should be done to eliminate Ben Ladin and his warriors.

I have come to the conclusion, after hearing all these non-professional remedies and cures for the disease of terrorism, not one person in 2,827,000 Americans has a valid, fool proof clue what to do to solve the problem. I have heard guys in all sincerity, while sipping coffee and eating their morning eggs say, "We oughta nuke Hell out of all Afghanistan, destroy all those caves he's supposed to be hiding in..." Others opine, Let's invade 'em...they only have about 20 million some odd people and they're all dirt poor. They don't have anything to fight with except small arms and a few left over Russian tanks and trucks."

It seems strange to me how quickly we forget. Those left over Russian tanks and trucks are what the Afghans salvaged after Russia attempted to conquer the mountainous, poverty stricken and landlocked country just a few years back.... and Russia retreated in disgrace, still licking their wounds. I would solemnly suggest to all resident military and intelligence experts of Plains, Texas,

to remember this... George W in his

very stirring address to the Nation last week, repeatedly expressed the reminder, "It ain't gonna be easy, and it ain't gonna be swift, and we're all going to pay a price to see a victory against terrorism."

Please, next time I'm saucing my coffee, puffing on it to cool, please don't bore me to tears with what YOU would do if you were stud duck of all our military might. You bore me and those around me, except of course those who are retired generals, foreign service chiefs, or national security advisory staff members who just happened to stop in Johnnie's to get one of their famed saddle blanket size pancakes. If those folks are there, they are merely laughing. Get a Grip!

ENOUGH!! We must have a bit of levity, a little chuckle or two!

I dispatched Ray Young to take photos of the Sundown game last Friday, and he had a stellar performance, in more ways than one. Saturday AM I went to the Field House to pick up the computer printout of the superb upset of the Sundown Roughnecks by our Cowboys. I stayed a bit and watched some of the game film during which our coaching staff Gurus evaluate the game. I was very impressed by the effort our young Cowboys delivered against a highly rated area 2-A team.

I was absolutely, positively more impressed, however by my star photographers performance on the sideline, capturing the immortal glory of our Cowboy victory, and making a complete fool of himself when he was floored from cup to tea kettle while taking a camera shot. The video I watched showed him faithfully training my camera, not to the front of him, where the action was, but on the famed Cowboy Cheer Leaders!

PISD photographer and teacher Gary Davis was just feet behind Ray, also exposing film, but concentrating on the game. Suddenly, a huge crew of Cowboy and Roughneck players are coming to the right, directly at Young. I was mesmerized watching the screen, and

a coach chortled, "Watch Young get bounced on his butt!!" Sounded like all the coaches I ever remembered.

A complete swarm of Cowboys and Roughneck players hit Young from behind about his knees - he sailed about four feet in the air as I watched, and I screamed, "SAVE THE CAMERA, YOU CLOD!"

He did, completing an excellent double gainer backwards, landing safely, but more importantly, the camera was intact. That's dedication, folks! Truly dumb dedication! He told me he was thinking of suing Gary Davis for not warning him.



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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission Of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

### \*Notice of Public Hearing\*

(State of Texas)  
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Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Kelly G. Moore, Judge of the 121st Judicial District, will hold a public hearing at 9:30 A.M. on the 9th day of October, 2001 in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse in Plains, Texas for the purpose of setting the amount of compensation for the year 2002 for the Yoakum County Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter.

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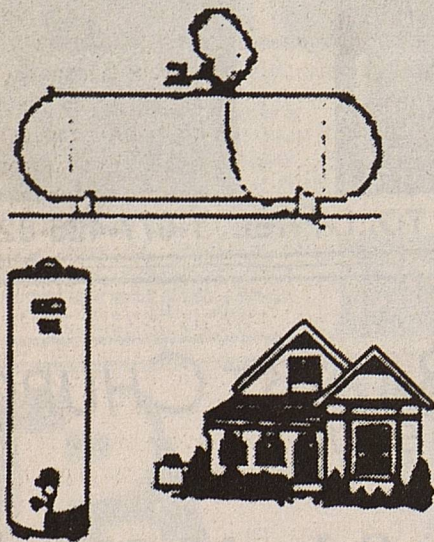
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